

# **REQUIRED**

## **Annual Report – 2020**

### **Beekeeping**



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You are required to file this report annually.  
Should you fail to do so, you risk removal of the special agricultural appraisal.  
The filing deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

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## Introduction:

### Can my land qualify for the special agricultural appraisal if used for beekeeping activities?

Section 23.51(2) of the Texas Property Tax Code “Agricultural use” includes the use of land to raise or keep bees for pollination or for the production of human food or other tangible products having a commercial value, provided that the land used is not less than 5 acres and not more than 20 acres.

### How many hives are required?

The degree of intensity standard is set at a minimum of six (6) colonies (hives) and five (5) acres.

The minimum degree of intensity was established by The Texas Agriculture Code, section 131.001 which defines an apiary as *a place where six or more colonies of bees or nuclei of bees are kept*. A colony is defined as *the hive, and its equipment and appurtenances including bees, comb, honey, pollen and brood*.

### How much land is required?

The State of Texas has determined that a minimum of five (5) acres and a maximum of twenty (20) acres are necessary to qualify beekeeping as an agricultural use. This information has been used to determine the degree of intensity standard to allow the special 1-d-1 agricultural use valuation for beekeeping in Grayson County, to require a minimum of six (6) colonies/hives AND a minimum of five (5) acres.

Additionally, this standard requires one (1) hive per additional 2.5 acres (up to a maximum of twenty (20) acres) resulting to a range of 6-12 hives, and a range of 5-20 acres. The hives must be alive and maintained. The per acre productivity valuation for beekeeping use shall be based upon the productivity valuation for dry cropland.

Acres	Hives
5.00	6
7.50	7
10.00	8
12.50	9
15.00	10
17.50	11
20.00	12

### How can I evidence the history requirement?

When property owners initially qualify for agricultural appraisal, they must show proof of history for agricultural use/beekeeping for any of the five out of seven preceding years. One way to do this is to ask for export, import or intra-state permits, which are required by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service to transport hives.

### How should I support pollination?

Flowering plants should be planted to support hives if the hives are in areas where there is limited vegetation that requires pollination. The productivity value for beekeeping will be based upon the Orchard productivity value.

### What reporting is required to maintain the special agricultural appraisal for beekeeping?

Properties receiving the special 1-d-1 agricultural use valuation/appraisal for beekeeping will be required to complete the enclosed questionnaire **annually** and provide supporting evidence as described.

**Bees must be (1) alive; (2) maintained; (3) active; (4) producing; and (5) located on land receiving the agricultural appraisal. Failure to meet these guidelines will result in loss of the agricultural special appraisal.**

# 1-D-1 AGRICULTURAL APPRAISAL USE VALUATION BEEKEEPING - ANNUAL REPORT

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Property ID #(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of acres: \_\_\_\_\_

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Acres Requirement: The State of Texas has set a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twenty (2) acres to qualify beekeeping as an agricultural use for the 1-d-1 special appraisal.

Stocking rates are as follows:

Acres	Hives
5.00	6
7.50	7
10.00	8
12.50	9
15.00	10
17.50	11
20.00	12

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**\*\* Please attach additional pages if necessary\*\***

When did you first receive bees on this property? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Please attach a copy of the apiary receipt from your purchase

When did you obtain your equipment for beekeeping? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of bees are you raising? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hives do currently have on the property? \_\_\_\_\_

Who manages the bee colony? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use a third party bee wrangler? If yes, list name \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your beekeeping training or education \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your queen replacement \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your Africanized bee prevention \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your fire ant prevention \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your pollination sources/location \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe planting for your pollination plan \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe relocation or movement of hives, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your winterization technique \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe prevention/control of diseases, parasites, fungal and bacterial growth \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the products you expect to harvest:

\_\_\_\_ Honey – (extracted, comb, chunk, creamed or whipped)  
\_\_\_\_ Bee wax  
\_\_\_\_ Royal Jelly

\_\_\_\_ Pollen  
\_\_\_\_ Propolis  
\_\_\_\_ Bees (hive propagation)

Describe your expected production yield for the current year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe how you are marketing your product \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**You are required to provide recent evidence of use. Evidence can be any or all of the suggested documentation:**

- Export, import or intra-state permits, required by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service to transport hives, if any
- Receipts for purchase of hives, bees, supplies, pesticides, medication, equipment, etc.
- Written agreements with operators or wranglers, if any
- RECENT, dated pictures of the hives, production, equipment, operation, etc.
- Marketing materials, price listings, pamphlets, fliers, etc., if any
- Sampling for receipts for sales of your product

**This report should be completed and submitted to the Grayson Central Appraisal District at 512 N. Travis St., Sherman, Texas 75090, not later than April 30 of each year.**

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_